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THE FLA. EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION WILL MEET IN ARCADIA WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27TH AND REMAIN IN SESSION FOR THREE DAYS

A program of unusual interest has been prepared. Many distinguished educators of national reputation will be here, among them being, Dr. M. P. Shawkey, President of the National Superintendents' Convention, 1915, and State Superintendent of West Virginia; Dr. J. L. McBrien, Assistant Commissioner of Education, National Bureau of Education and Dr. M. L. Brittain, State Superintendent of the State of Georgia.

SPECIAL RATE OF THREE CENTS ROUND TRIP GRANTED BY ALL RAILROADS

Main sessions will be held in the Magnificent Auditorium of the DeSoto County High School building. On Friday the Rural School session will be held in the Auditorium of the new Owens school building, just completed. The Arcadia Commercial Club and the DeSoto County High School Commercial League will furnish free automobiles to the members of the Association to the Owens School.

The Florida Educational Association will convene in thirtieth annual session in the city of Arcadia, on Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., December 27. A program of unusual merit has been prepared, emphasizing every phase of educational work. It is particularly noteworthy in that the major part of the program will be presented by actual demonstration. The exercises Thursday and Friday afternoons are planned to give a practical demonstration of a rural school plant in operation under the direction of specialists.

Among the notable speakers from out of the state, special mention may be made of Dr. M. P. Shawkey, president of the National Superintendents' Convention, 1915, and state superintendent of West Virginia; Dr. J. L. McBrien, assistant commissioner of education, National Bureau of Education, and Dr. M. L. Brittain, state superintendent of Georgia.

All of the forces, educational, social and commercial, of the city of Arcadia and DeSoto county, are working together to make the meeting of the association a memorable one in the history of the organization.

A special rate of three cents for the round trip has been granted by the railroads, and the committee hope to be able to announce in a few days the special trains that will be run from the northern and eastern centers of the state.

The following is the complete program:

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 7:30 p. m.

Music: Colonial Symphony Orchestra.

Invocation: Rev. Charles T. Alexander.

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Welcome Address: Hon. C. H. Mitchell.

Reading: Mrs. John W. Burton.

Chorus, Touring Through Dixie: High School Club Chorus.

Response to Welcome Address: Hon. R. E. Hall, superintendent of public instruction, Dade county.

Vocal Solo: Miss Ella M. Polk.

President's Annual Address: Principal J. H. Workman, president of the Florida Educational Association.

Annual Address: Hon. W. N. Sheats, state superintendent of public instruction.

Music: Colonial Symphony Orchestra.

Business Session of the Association.

Thursday, Dec. 28, 9 a. m.

Cornet Solo: Mr. Paul Kemp.

Invocation: Rev. R. T. Bell.

Boys and Girls' Clubs: Mr. C. K. McQuarrie, superintendent state demonstration, and extension department, University of Florida; Miss Agnes Ellen Harris, director department home economics, State College for Women.

Educational Progress in Florida:

Dr. A. A. Murphree, president of University of Florida.

Violin Solo: Miss Dorothy Carter.

Sanity in Education: Dr. Josiah B. Game, professor of Latin, State College for Women.

Adaptation of Education to Life: Dr. A. P. Montague, president of Columbia College.

Vocal Solo: Mr. C. C. McDermond.

Lecture, A Modern School System: Dr. M. P. Shawkey, state superintendent of education, West Virginia.

Announcements.

Thursday, 1:30 p. m.

Round Table Conference. Topic, Education for Rural Life: Dr. J. L. McBrien, United States bureau of education, leader. This session will continue for two hours, and the central thought discussed under the following sub-heads: The Rural School as a Center of Country Life; Community Clubs, Libraries and Reading Circles, Vocational Work, District Fairs, etc.; What the Town High School May Do for the Rural School; Rural School Supervision and Training Teachers for Rural Schools. No one will be permitted to speak longer than five minutes.

Thursday, 3:30 p. m.

Demonstration work on the DeSoto County High School campus.

(a) Playground activities under the direction of local teachers. The exercises carried on by the local school during the school year will be presented in this demonstration.

(b) Demonstration of canning club and agricultural extension work among men and boys will be conducted under the direction of Miss Agnes Ellen Harris, State College for Women, and Prof. A. P. Spencer, assistant state demonstration agent, University of Florida.

Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

Music: Colonial Symphony Orchestra.

Address: Dr. J. L. McBrien.

Vocal Solo: Mr. Grady Burton.

Reading: Miss Sarah P. Hines.

Vocal Solo: Mrs. Cecile Wallace.

Address, The Psychology of Suggestion: Dr. M. P. Shawkey.

Instrumental Solo: Miss Kate E. Carlton.

Banquet. The University Women's College Banquet, 10 p. m.

Friday, Dec. 29, 8:45 a. m.

Instrumental Solo: Mrs. H. L. Carlton.

Invocation: Rev. F. A. Shore.

Teacher Training in the High School: Dr. H. W. Cox, dean of Peabody College for Teachers, University of Florida.

Kindergarten: Its Work and Its Claims Upon the School System: Dr. N. L. Simms, University of Florida.

Team Work in the Faculty: Principal C. M. Jones, principal Lakeland city schools.

Vocal Solo: Miss Elsie Ridder.

Social Library and Reading Circles: Miss Rowena Longmire, State College for Women.

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FUNERAL SERVICES J. H. WIGGINS AT BRADENTOWN

Yesterday Afternoon, and His Body Laid to Rest in the Bradentown Cemetery By the Side of His Father and Mother.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The funeral services over the body of J. H. Wiggins, who was murdered near Wauchula Saturday night, was conducted yesterday afternoon by the Rev. McPherson, pastor of the Wauchula Baptist church, at Bradentown from the home of his sister, Mrs. Eugene Turner. The body was laid away in the city cemetery, where both his father and mother are buried.

The remains were carried over Sunday from Lakeland, where he died while being hurried towards Tampa for an operation. Mr. Wiggins was just past thirty years of age and unmarried. He leaves his sister, Mrs. Turner, and an only brother, B. T. Wiggins, of Wauchula, to mourn his untimely death.

A FINE THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR COMPANY "K"

Now at Laredo, Texas. Another Column Of This Paper Will Show the Names Of Those Who Will Participate.

It will doubtless be a source of gratification to many to know how well provided for are the members of Company K, "DeSoto Guards," now at Laredo, Texas, for an up-to-date Thanksgiving dinner. The following menu will be served:

Oyster Soup and Crackers
Celery Stuffed Olives
Sliced Tomatoes Dill Pickles
Roast Turkey
Giblet Gravy Oyster Dressing
Cranberry Sauce
Rice, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Candied Sweet Potatoes,
English Peas,
Stewed Sweet Corn,
Desserts,
Banana Fritters,
English Plum Pudding,
Orange Ambrosia,
Pies, Assorted,
Hot Chocolate with Whipped Cream,
Afterdinner Mints, Cigars, Cigarettes.
Drill.

The above is printed just as prepared at the front, and we are not advised as to whether the last named "drill," is to be eaten or drunken.

AT THE BAND STAND.

On next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock Rev. Chester Sprague will deliver an address at the band stand. His theme will be "A Stranger at the Door." The Arcadia Merchants' Cornet Band will furnish music. Everybody come out and enjoy the concert and the address.

Business in Tampa—

Gus Hendry, a well known citizen of Arcadia, left this morning for Tampa, where he will spend the day transacting business. Mr. Hendry will return tonight or in the morning.

JAMES H. NELSON DISTINGUISHED WINTER VISITOR DIES AT 6 A. M.

This Morning, Funeral Services Will Be Conducted Over the Remains Tomorrow Morning From the Home of Rev. S. W. Ball on East Oak Street, at 8:47, and the Body Will Be Shipped to Wabash, Indiana, for Burial.

The funeral services over the remains of Mr. James Nelson, who died this morning at six o'clock, after a brief illness, of appendicitis, will be conducted at the home of Rev. S. W. Ball, tomorrow morning at 7:45, after which the body will be taken to Wabash, Ind., for burial.

Mr. Nelson and his wife came to Arcadia only about two weeks ago from his home in Yukon, Oklahoma, expecting to stay here during the winter, as has been his custom for several years past.

Mr. Nelson was born in Ireland, March 20th, 56 years ago. He came to America at the age of 10 years and began learning the milling trade when a mere boy. He was married March 6, 1889, to Miss Minnie Leedy. To this union one son was born, which died in infancy. He has filled the position of head miller for the Yukon Mill and Grain Company, Yukon, Okla., for the past sixteen years. He leaves a devoted wife and two brothers, one older and one younger, a host of other relatives to mourn his loss. Every man who knew him counted him a friend. He was converted and joined the Christian Church about six years ago. Rev. Ball will accompany the body and the stricken wife as far as Jacksonville, leaving on the 8:47 train.

75 TOURISTS

Arrived in Arcadia Last Week? No. They Did Not, But Wouldn't It Be Fine To Be Able to Give Out Such An Item Of News As Is Often Done By Cities Smaller Than Arcadia That Cater to the Tourist Trade?

Arcadia can be made a tourist town if the people so desire to make it. It has many natural advantages, but it becomes absolutely necessary that Arcadia should let the tourists know they are welcome, and that their comforts will be looked after if we would have them in large numbers. Many come to Arcadia as it is, and say they prefer to spend the winter in this delightful little city even when little provision is made for their enjoyment. What would they do if only adequate preparation were made for their reception and wholesome recreation provided for, such as boating, golf, etc?

Mr. Business Man, what are you doing to attract these people here? You know what it would mean to have Arcadia on the tourists' map, so let's get busy, start now so we can be ready for them next season.

We have two things started that would do more to attract tourists than anything else we could do, a golf course and the Peace river project.

A golf course such as is being advocated by the new enterprise committee of the Commercial Club, would certainly be an attraction and would do more to advertise the town than anything we could do. It brings the best class of tourists, people who are likely to invest money, and for that reason the business men and real estate men of Arcadia should get actively behind this movement.

The Peace River project should also get the active support of all citizens of Arcadia, and we are sure it will.

Jones Stroud Visited Here—

Jones Stroud, a well known merchant of Nocatee, arrived here yesterday, having motored up from his home in that city. After spending several hours here transacting business he returned to his home.

A. C. Williams, a well known turpentine man of Murdock, arrived last night and is spending the day in the city on business.

Col. A. Yancy Teachy, of Wauchula, is spending today in the city. At the recent election in his town Mr. Teachy was elected mayor.

NEW ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE OF ARCADIA COMMERCIAL CLUB

Held Session Last Night in the Interest of a Golf and Automobile Club for Arcadia. Committee Asks for a Citizens' Meeting in the Office of W. D. Dunwoody Next Friday Night, December 1.

Minutes of the meeting of the new enterprise committee held Tuesday night, November 28th, Meeting called to order by Chairman J. L. Jones.

Mr. A. C. Polk submitted to the members a set of constitution and by-laws that he had drafted for a golf and automobile club that is in process of organization in Arcadia, and upon motion they were read in their entirety at first, to be considered section by section later.

After a thorough consideration of the constitution and by-laws Mr. Gates moved that a call be issued for a mass meeting of all citizens of Arcadia that are interested in organizing a golf club, and that the secretary be instructed to mail out invitations to every one interested in the movement. The meeting is to be held Friday night, December 1st, in the office of W. E. Dunwoody.

Dr. Bevis made a motion which prevailed that the chairman of the committee take up with the people of Arcadia at once the matter of making a bid for the Masonic Home that will be established somewhere in the state by the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Secretary by motion was instructed to change ad. appearing in the Manufacturers' Record.

Respectfully,
G. S. GARDNER, Secretary

USEFUL INVENTION MADE BY W. G. POWELL

Of This City. Patent Has Been Applied for. A Hood Made For Oil and Gas Stoves That Will Increase Heat Capacity Three-Fold.

Mr. W. G. Powell, of this city, has applied for a patent on a collapsible metal hood for an oil stove, gas stove or electric stove, the object of the invention, as stated by Mr. Powell in his application, being, "to conserve the heat of the said heaters, generating the same in and by the said hood, and emitting or throwing out the same from the front of said hood, like an open fireplace, its collapsibility being of marvellous value making the said hood knocked down and easy shipper, and susceptible of easy storage when not in use."

Mr. Powell says this device will increase the heating capacity of a stove three-fold, and that it can be manufactured at a cost that will enable it be sold at \$1.00 or \$1.50 at retail. Mr. Powell thinks there is a prospective potential market in the United States of approximately ten millions of his collapsible oil stove hoods.

Prominent Visitor—

Dr. W. E. Buxton, of West Salem, Ill., is a visitor in the city today, and while here is transacting some matters of business at the court house. Dr. Buxton paid his first visit to Florida four years ago, at which time he purchased some property near Sebring. The doctor is so much in love with our delightful winter climate that he hopes to spend at least several months here each year.

Mrs. A. J. Gross, of Avon Park, was a pleasant visitor in the city yesterday. Mrs. Gross spent the day here shopping and visiting friends.

Mrs. H. S. Strong, of Fort Gden, arrived here yesterday and is spending the day shopping and visiting friends.

Care should be taken to handle alfalfa hay so as not to lose leaves, as these contain considerably more than 50 per cent. of the feeding value of the hay.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS ORGANIZE A JUNIOR CIVIC LEAGUE

The Membership Is Now Composed of About Seventy-Five Members, and the League Will Begin Active Work at Once. Tackling the Triangular Lot in Front of Mr. C. H. Mitchell's Place As Their First Endeavor.

The girls of the DeSoto County High School have organized a Junior Civic League. This league is to co-operate with the Ladies' Civic League of Arcadia. After organizing they decided to begin work at once on the triangular lot which is directly in front of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mitchell's place.

This lot is about one hundred feet long and forms a perfect right triangle. The lot will have its sand spurs removed and they will be replaced by flowers. This is a very commendable work, and it will in time show good results. The Junior Civic League has elected the following officers: President, Miss Dorothea Gates; vice-president, Miss Clara Blake; secretary, Miss Frances Britt. The league now has a membership of about seventy-five members.

The ladies of the Arcadia Civic League will always be represented at the meetings of the juniors. Mrs. S. W. Ball was present at the last meeting.

These young ladies are doing a good work and should receive the hearty support and encouragement of all citizens.

A. J. SMITH SUICIDES BY DROWNING HIMSELF

In Lake Verona, Near Avon Park. The Deceased Gave No Reason for the Deed Except a Few Words Addressed to "Neighbor Fred," to Whom He Wrote, "I Can't Get Along Any Longer. The Most Sensible Thing I Can Do Is To End It Up Right Now. TONIGHT."

Mr. A. L. Durrance, clerk of the circuit court, has just received the following delayed communication from Justice of the Peace, A. W. Sargent, of Avon Park:

Avon Park, Fla., Nov. 25th, 1916.
Hon. A. L. Durrance, Clerk Circuit Court, Arcadia, Fla.

Dear Sir: Enclosed find papers in relation to inquest held on body of A. J. Smith, whose body was found floating near shore in Lake Verona, on the morning of November 15th, 1916. By request of the jurors a doctor was called and his testimony is here-with attached. I have no regular blanks for coroner, so have done the best I could therein.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. SARGENT, J. P.

The coroner's jury that was summoned to view the body of Smith were: John J. Burke, foreman, T. L. Drawley, Walter R. Whidden, J. F. Weaver, J. H. McClelland and J. M. Hall. The jury rendered a verdict, "a case of suicide or self destruction."

No reason is known for Smith's having drowned himself except as indicated in the following letter, written on a leaf torn from a "scratch tablet," what is supposed to be his own hand writing, as follows:

"Well Neighbor Fred, I can't get along any longer.

The most sensible thing I can do is to end it up right now. TONIGHT.

Good Bye

A. J. SMITH."

P. S. Just wind a sheet around me and put me in the box. Don't want any funeral. Just a prayer.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Services of the Christian church next Sunday will be held at the usual hour at the opera house. Bible school begins promptly at 9:45 o'clock. Preaching and communion service at 11 o'clock. Mr. Sprague's sermon for his morning sermon will be "Giving." Everybody is cordially invited. There will be no evening service.